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REMARKS

Claims 10-19 and 22-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 14-19 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant notes that claims 14, 16, 18 and 22 have been rewritten and are therefore, in condition for allowance. The other claims depend either directly or indirectly from these claims and are therefore in condition for allowance.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 10-19 and 22-24, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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Respectfully Submitted,

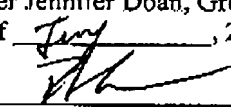

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Jennifer Doan, Group Art Unit # 2874 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 26 day of July, 2007.



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